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Joins Beltrandi & Co. Staff



MRS. RUTH E. ZUCCO
(Charles DuBois Hodges, Photographer)

Mrs. Ruth E. Zucco of Agawam has joined the staff of Beltrandi & Co. as a Real Estate Broker. Mrs. Zucco resides with her husband Bruno C. Zucco at 109 Anthony St.

For over 20 years, she has been involved in civic and church affairs. She is currently teaching CCD for St. John the Evangelist Church, a member of St. John's Guild, past member of the PTA. She is presently serving on the Finance Board as recording secretary.

In addition, she is a past member of the Library Board and Council on aging, member of the Democratic town committee and Vice President of the Democratic Women's Club. She hopes

Jr. Women's Club Dinner Dance Sat.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold their annual dinner dance this Saturday evening at the Willow Glen House in East Longmeadow.

Members and their guests will enjoy cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 after which dinner will be served.

Music for the evening will be provided by The Penthouse Trio.

Baptist Youth Group Plan New York Trip

The Agawam Baptist Senior Youth Fellowship group will go on a tour of New York City, Feb. 14-15-16. They plan to do some sight seeing and see the play "Hello Dolly."

There will be 20 teen agers and four adults, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton E. Wing and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woodruff. They will return home Sunday night back at the Agawam Baptist Church.

Benevolent Society Meeting Monday

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will meet on Monday evening at 8 in Griswold Hall.

Following a business meeting conducted by Mrs. Taylor, president, Mrs. William P. Tolley, wife of Rev. Tolley of Southwick, will relate her experiences in the Missionary field of Africa.

Hostess for the evening will be Mrs. Elsie Bradway, Mrs. Bernice Burton and Mrs. Eva Kerr. All women are invited and urged to attend.

Catholic Women To Open Meeting With Holy Hour

The February meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will open with a holy hour in St. John's Church at 7:30 on Monday evening the 17th. Rev. Albert Blanchard will conduct the service and Mrs. Joseph Hamel will lead the group singing.

Immediately following the holy hour a business session will be held in the parish hall at which Mrs. Alexander Toczko, club president, will preside.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Arthur Fortier, program chairman, will introduce Mrs. David Gallano, millinery fashion consultant, who will present a showing entitled "Hats that will march proudly in the Easter parade." Club models appearing in this presentation include: Mrs. Joseph Cancelliere, Mrs. Norbert Demont, Mrs. Thomas Doyle, Mrs. Alfred Dugan, Mrs. John Ferrero, Mrs. Richard Gingras, Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. Harry King, Mrs. James O'Keefe, Sr., and Miss Frances Pedulla.

Hospitality chairman, Mrs. Joseph Lovotti, has named Mrs. Joseph Cardone chairman of hostesses. The following members will assist in serving refreshments: Mrs. Albert French, Mrs. Herbert Fuller, Mrs. Alfred Gallerani, Mrs. Clarence Garrett, Jr., Mrs. Theodore Hare, Mrs.

Valentine Bride



CHERYL ALOISI
(Photo by Loring Studios)

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Aloisi of 25 Highland Ave., Agawam, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cheryl Marie, to Keith Cedric Hannan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Hannan of Billings Road, Somers, Conn.

Miss Aloisi a graduate of Agawam High School, is employed by William Carter Co., as an office clerk.

Mr. Hannan has attended Somers Schools and has served with the U. S. Army in Vietnam. He is employed by Bigelow-Sanford Co. of Conn.

A candlelight ceremony will take place tomorrow at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam.

200 AHS Students To Take NED Tests

More than 200 9th and 10th grade Agawam High School students will take the three-hour National Educational Development Tests (NEDT) on Saturday, Feb. 15, according to Raymond Harris, principal.

"The NEDT battery," Mr. Harris said, "is a series of tests in English, social studies, mathematics, natural sciences, and word usage designed to measure each student's ability to apply basic learning skills rather than his ability to memorize facts."

"We will use the test to help students, parents, and teachers identify individual strengths and weaknesses in each student's educational development and in making a realistic appraisal of his educational and vocational goals."

Published by Science Research Associates, Inc., the nation's largest commercial publisher of standardized tests, the NEDT battery was constructed under the direction of SRA's Test and Evaluation Division. It has been administered to more than five million students throughout the country since it was introduced in 1959.

Agawam UNICO Plans Annual Macaroni Dinner For Feb. 27

Gus Bartolucci, president of the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National, announced today that Feb. 27, has been selected as the date for the annual UNICO macaroni dinner.

Francis Capitanio has been chosen as chairman of the dinner for 1969. Mr. Capitanio announced that the dinner will be held at the Agawam Junior High School with continuous servings from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

As his first committee assign-

ment, Mr. Capitanio has appointed Paul D'Amato as chairman of the ticket committee. Tickets will be available from Mr. D'Amato or any member of the Agawam Chapter of UNICO.

Mr. Capitanio announces the following chairmen for the various activities associated with the dinner:

Cooks: John Chriscola, chairman; Joseph Depalo, Tom Cascio, Tom Depalo, Joe Ferrari, Charles Calabrese, Herbert Morris.

Cake Sales: Mrs. J. Cancelliere, chairmen; Mrs. J. Masucci, Mrs. C. Calabrese, Mrs. F. Chriscola.

Publicity: John Beltrandi and Tom Coppola.

Milk - Ice Cream: Chester Nicora and John Beltrandi.

Park Cars: Salvatore Scibelli, chairman; Claude Guidetti, Elmer Cascio.

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Senior High School Honor Roll

Mr. Raymond Harris, principal of the Agawam High School has announced the honor roll for this marking period as follows:

FRESHMAN

Thomas Acquaro, Stephen Adamski, Maryann Alessandri, Maureen Amaral, Margaret Avezzie, Carole Babyok, Linda Bailey, Richard Barnard, Denise Bessette, Frances Bigda, Kenneth Blackwood, Peter Borkosky, Edmund Bouley, Anne Carey, Barbara Cariani, Daniel Caroleo, Anne Caron, Ann Cesan, Nancy Cincotta, Ann Cirillo, Susan Colson, Bruce Conant, Donna Corbin, Gary Costa, Dale Cote, Diana Cross, Gary Cwikla, Alfred Davis, Richard Debiasio, Donna DeCosmo, Nancy DeCosmo, Diana Edmunds, Cynthia

Ekestet, Edward Faits, Douglas Favreau, Robert Gagnon, Dionne Gendron, Susan Ghedi, Frank Grabinski, Deborah Grassa, Nina Graziano, Patricia Greany, Laurine Greguoli, Sandra Haideimos, Debra Hale, Elizabeth Harrington, Timothy Harrison, Paul Heppner, Susan Heywood, Linda Howe, Leonard Johnson, Evelyn Karakla, Donna Keefe, Joanne Leger, Mark Magistri, Daryl Mallory, Donna Marchand, Lynn McManus, Nancy Meucci, Michael Moreau, Claire Niemeic, Nancy Norris, Elizabeth Nunn, Beverly Orr, Nancy Palazzi, John Pavelesyk, Sherly Pickett, Michael Pietroniro, Dianna Ploof, Susan Plourde, Jerald Pomerantz, Karen Porter, Michael

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Winter Activity At YMCA



Mario Sakellis, Executive Director of the Agawam YMCA explained that the ice skating which is open to the town at no cost is a joint co-operative effort of the town, clubs and the YMCA. Through the generosity of Mr. Donald Campbell, Agawam Supt. of Public Works, the snow on the black top tennis courts at the YMCA was removed to make way for skating. Mr. Warren Roberts of the Agawam Lions Club with the help of a boy scout

Bruce Nunn, who was working for a service project borrowed a fire hose from one of the local fire stations and on a cold afternoon flooded a skating area that could handle over 200 skaters.

JAYCEES VOLUNTEER

In order to provide adequate supervision and to maintain the ice the Agawam Jaycees with their President John Lawrie, agreed to accept this as a club (Please Turn To Page 3)

CHURCH NEWS

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard
Saturday — Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.
MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.
Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS
Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.
Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions.
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a. m. Masses.
Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Minister
Randall L. Nofall, Organist
Cynthia A. Meyer, Choir Director
Thursday—6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.
Sunday: 10 a.m. church school for nursery through 6th grade; 10 a.m. Worship Service in sanctuary.
Monday: 6:30 p.m. Church School for grades 7, 8, 9.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tuler, Vicar
Thursday—7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #79 meets in parish hall.
Friday — 3:15 p.m. Junior choir practices at the church.
Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer and Youth Fellowship.
Wednesday—9 a.m. Mid-week Prayer and Communion service; 7:30 p.m. Senior choir practice.

February 28, 1787—Pittsburgh Academy founded (became University of Pittsburgh in 1908).



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Rev. Paul Bernard
MASS SCHEDULE
Daily Mass—7 a.m.
Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.
Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes, Sanctuary Choir Director
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander, Junior/Youth Choir Director
Friday — 6:15 p.m. Bowling Teams at Westside.
Sunday—9:30 a.m. The Church at Worship. Nursery for infants. Church School in session until 10:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour; 6 p.m. Youth Group.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
West Springfield, Mass.
Larry Thornton, Pastor
Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning worship service. Supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m. Evening Service.
Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study.
(Bible Baptist Church is in fellowship with the General Assn. of Regular Baptist Churches and the American and International Councils of Christian Churches.)

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary
Thursday: 7:30 p. m. Senior Choir rehearse at church.
Friday: 4 p.m. Senior BYF leave for New York City for weekend.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship — Rev. Lockhart will preach morning service. Senior Choir will sing. There will be a service of dedication for parents and babies; 10:30 a.m. Church School; 6:00 p.m. Junior High and Senior BYF's meet at church.
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Club meet at the church. Home Lenten meetings will begin.
It is estimated that motorists have paid an average of \$22.9 million a day in state and federal fuel taxes in 1968, for an estimated total of over \$8.3 billion for the year.

Banana Cup Cakes For Smart Snackers



Pack some home-baked help into your little ones' lunch boxes this fall. The banana (*Musa sapientum*) is literally the "fruit of the wise men"—and Banana Cup Cakes are a wonderful way to tempt wilting would-be scholars into real afternoon academics. Your older midnight oilers will find these better than toothpicks for eyelid-propping, too. Try them soon, and repeat them often through the school year. They're a breeze to make with easy cup cake mix.

Banana Cup Cakes Makes 12 large cup cakes

Cup Cakes:	Frosting:
One 11½-oz. pkg.	1 egg white
Flako Cup Cake Mix	¾ cup sugar
1 egg	¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup milk	⅛ teaspoon cream of tartar
¾ cup mashed banana	1 teaspoon light corn syrup
	3 tablespoons cold water
	½ teaspoon vanilla

Heat oven to moderate (350°F.). Line muffin cups with paper baking cups or grease and flour them. For cup cakes, empty contents of package into bowl. Add egg, ¾ cup of the milk and banana. Beat 1 minute. Add remaining ¼ cup milk; beat 1 minute. (If using mixer, beat at low speed.) Fill prepared muffin cups half full.

Bake in preheated oven (350°F.) 20 to 25 minutes. For easy removal, let stand a few minutes. Loosen cup cakes with knife or spatula. Cool.

For frosting, place all ingredients except vanilla in top of double boiler. Place over boiling water. Beat constantly with rotary beater or electric mixer until mixture holds peaks, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; add vanilla; continue beating 1 minute longer. Frost cup cakes.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.
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Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr, Church Secretary
Sunday: 10 a.m. Morning Worship with Sermon: "Jesus Christ and Faith" and Sunday School Classes in Dunn Community Hall; 6:00 p.m. The Hill-toppers.

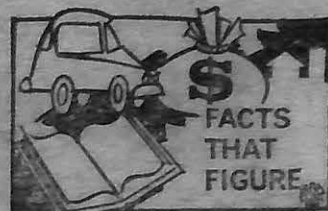
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.
Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.
MASS SCHEDULE
Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint, Minister of Music
Thursday — 12 Noon Ladies Aid luncheon and Business meeting program: Good Reading Day.
Friday — 7 p.m. Boy Scouts; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.
Saturday — 8:45 a.m. Intermediate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship Valentine Dance.
Sunday — 9 a.m. Church at Morning Worship — Mr. Bryan preaching and Church School, Nursery thru 6th Grade; 10 a.m. Church School, 7th Grade thru 12th Grade; 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship — Mr. Bryan preaching and Church School, Nursery thru 6th Grade; 7 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship meeting.
Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.
Wednesday — 8 p.m. Ash Wednesday evening worship service.

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Space Age Simulators

Training simulators are "out of this world" . . . and "down to earth" too.

No one would doubt the important role training simulators play in preparing America's astronauts for their travels into science's newest playground, outer space. The simulators duplicate as near as possible the conditions in which astronauts function thousands of miles above the earth's crust. With the simulated training experience, the astronauts are able to blast off into space prepared and confident.

Dropping down a few thousand miles to the earth's atmosphere, the roar of jet planes also serves as a reminder of the importance of training simulators. Flight simulators play an important part in every jet pilot's instruction period.

On the ground inexperienced drivers, like astronauts and pilots, must be trained to manipulate their vehicles safely. Simulators again are the solution.

High school classroom driver simulators give the students a driving experience that has proven very valuable, says Ralph Jackson, manager of Driver Education at the All-state Insurance Company. In the safety of a driver simulator, students learn the essential aspects of driving—recognition of hazards, decision making under varied conditions, and basic performance skills—before they take to the highway.

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The third game in the present series of Whist parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening at the Agawam National Guard Armory. Door prize winners were Walter Haggerty, Viola Thayer, Adine Morley and Rose Noonan.

Mystery prize winners were Harold Landers, Betty McCarthy and Alma Rosette. Ladies ace prize winner was Winifred Roberts and Peter Laumark.

The following received high score prizes: Ladies—1st Rosella Neilson, 2nd Gladys Stone, 3rd Delia Cadorette, 4th Anne Hyde; Men—1st Peter Laumark, 2nd George Pierce, 3rd Frank DeSimone, 4th Howard Thayer.

The next card party will be held same day . . . place . . . time . . . see you!

Feb. 11, 1812 — Massachusetts Governor Gerry's passage of a redistricting bill started the term "gerrymander."



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GENTILE SERVING IN VIETNAM

DANANG, VIETNAM — Utilitiesman Constructionmen Joseph J. Gentile, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Gentile of 346 Springfield St., Agawam, has been in Vietnam for four months with Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 12.

The battalion is halfway through its tour of duty in Danang's Camp Adenir, where the Seabees have been constructing buildings and warehouses, and repairing bridges.

Construction Battalion 12 was recalled to active duty from New England in May 1968, and after weeks of intensive military and technical training at its new homeport at Gulfport, Miss., the battalion was deployed to Vietnam in September last year.

The reserve unit will return to Gulfport this spring, and will be released from active duty 30 days later.

HART IN VIETNAM WITH NAVY MOBILE

DANANG, VIETNAM — Personnelman First Class Francis H. Hart, USN, son of Mr. Francis A. Hart of 26 Annable St., Agawam, has been in Vietnam for four months with Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 12.

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Agawam UNICO . . .

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Salads: Albert Malone, chairman; Vincent Spagnoli, Francis Milici, Stephen Olivo, Louis Scherpa, Frank Solitario, John Rosati, Charles Deliso.

Kitchen Cleanup: James Bruno, chairman; Julio Alvigini, Albert Settembro, Ed Gallerani.

Coffee: Alphonse Alfano, chairman; Roland Bencivenni, Joseph Cardone.

Serving: Dom Maiolo, chairman; Santo Cannarella, Mrs. A. Christopher, Mrs. J. Chriscola, Mrs. J. DePalo, Mrs. F. Capitano, Mrs. T. DePalo, Mrs. S. Cannarella, Mrs. D. Maiolo, Mrs. H. Morris.

Tables: Frank Chriscola, chairman, Anthony Natale, Tom Copman; Frank Gatti, Louis DePalola, Francis Rosso, Joseph Cancelliere, Anthony DiDonato, Vincent Caroleo, Anthony Buoniconiti, Raymond Girotti, Ben Deliso, Francis Colli, Dino Piccin, Ed Gallerani, Walter Balboni, Joe Della-Guistina.

Set-up Tables: Joseph Masucci, chairman; Louis Pedula, Nick Depalo, Louis DePalma, Charles Calabrese, Agostino Bartolucci, Gino Rossi, Frank Chriscola.

Tickets will be available at the door and from all members of Agawam Chapter UNICO National.

February Blood Center Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 18—K of C #160, 2071 Page Blvd., Indian Orchard. 1 p.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 — American International Auditorium, Wilbraham Road, Spfld. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For donor transportation and appointments call A. R. C. at 737-4306.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN ss. PROBATE COURT

To all persons interested in the estate of JOHN G. JONES late of Agawam in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that BERTHA H. JONES of said Agawam be appointed administratrix of said estate without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourth day of March 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of January 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.

(Feb. 6-18-26)

My Neighbors



"If you blow, Bub—you'll have to blow!"

Winter Activities . . .

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project. Afternoon and evening hours have been set up when the rink is open, also on week ends. There is ample free parking for parents who wish to join their youngsters in their activity. Picnic tables are set up around the skating area for changing skates and resting.

Mr. Robert Binnenkade a YMCA Board Member and a past Jaycee president has been instrumental in lining up the leadership, also obtaining a small skating shed which was donated to the YMCA by Lynch Lumber. Mr. Alfred Gallerani a member of the "Y" property committee put up lights for night skating.

James Loomis, president of the local "Y" said that this is an example of clubs, agencies and individuals in town helping in a project that benefits all the town citizens. The hours for skating are 3-4 every afternoon, 6:30-8:30 in the evening including week-ends.

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CARON GRADUATES FROM TECHNICAL SCHOOL

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. — Airman Norman N. Caron Jr., son of Mrs. Joan M. Caron of 75 Campbell Drive, Agawam, has been graduated from a U. S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

He was trained as an aircraft mechanic and has been assigned to a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command at Loring AFB, Maine.

The airman is a graduate of Agawam High School.

LEGGETT IN FIRST SIGNAL BRIGADE

PHU LAM, VIETNAM — Army Specialist Five Albert J. Leggett, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ochenskowski, live at 19 Rhodes Ave., Feeding Hills, was assigned Jan. 5 to the 1st Signal Brigade, U. S. Army Strategic Communications Command near Phu Lam, Vietnam, as a repairman.

His wife, Janet, lives at 721 29th St., South Bend, Ind.



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We could go on and on. But we're sure you get the picture. Alcoa's Research Laboratories have come a long way since the clockhouse. And with each step, they've come up with a new market, a new use or a new product made from our metal. We salute ARL on their 50th anniversary.

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A Nation of Thieves!

A United Press International news report says, "The growth of
shoplifting has become a national scandal. The Federal Bureau of
Investigation and the National Retail Merchants Association believe
shoplifting increased by about 93 per cent from 1960 through 1966
and still is skyrocketing."

Figures such as these have both a moral and a practical side.
On the moral side, they leave but one conclusion—we are becoming
a nation of thieves. On the practical side, the soaring incidence of
pilferage and shoplifting increases the cost of doing business, which
must be passed on ultimately to consumers.

The spread of shoplifting is a sad commentary on our intellig-
ence. Retail distributors, like any other business, must make a
profit to live. The mountains of luxuries and necessities that are
put at our fingertips by the nation's retailers did not descend from
heaven. They were put there by hard work, good management and
the investment of savings in small stores and large, from the local
general merchandising outlet to the chain organizations that have
become known to every household and represent mass distribution
at its best.

The kind of mass thievery we call shoplifting will not only
drive up prices, but will lead to controls and surveillance distasteful
to both honest consumers and merchants. More stringent laws are
being written, stores are employing more detectives and more so-
phisticated electronic and mechanical detecting devices to protect
the goods on their shelves. The cure for shoplifting, however, as
with most of our current ills, lies with a rebirth of individual re-
sponsibility and a respect for the rights and property of others.

Clear Recognition

U. S. railroads have been granted a modest "interim" freight
rate increase. Almost as important as the increase itself was the
reasoning of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting it.

The ICC said it was permitting the rate increases because of
the railroads' "critical need...for additional revenue to offset, in
part," increased operating costs. It further said, "The public in-
terest and that of the national defense, in a sound, adequate, and
efficient transportation system will be adversely affected unless the
proposed increased interstate freight rates and charges...are per-
mitted to become effective at this time." Without the additional
revenue from the increase, the ICC noted, the railroads' earnings
"would be insufficient to enable them...to provide adequate and
efficient railway transportation service consistent with the public in-
terest and the national transportation policy."

There could be no clearer recognition than this of the part rail
transport plays in the overall transportation system. The railroads,
since they own and maintain a nationwide network of rights-of-way,
are among the most heavily-taxed industries. Beyond this, they
have moved into an era of competition such as no one could have
foreseen when the regulatory laws under which they operate today
were established. All of these things have compounded the twin
problems of keeping up with transport technology and maintaining
earnings at a survival level in the face of inflation. There was no
alternative to the ICC decision. The nation must have railroads.



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meiren, (right), son of Mr. and
Mrs. Joseph S. Vermeiren, 43
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the U. S. Air Force Commenda-
tion Medal at Charleston AFB,
S. C.

Lieut. Vermeiren was decorat-
ed for meritorious service as
chief of administration for the
Group, Clark AB, Philippines.
69th Military Airlift Support
He was cited for his outstanding

job performance, initiative and
devotion to duty.

The Lieut. is now at Charle-
ston as an aircraft maintenance
officer in a unit of the Military
Airlift Command. A 1962 gradu-
ate of Agawam High School, he
received his B. S. degree in 1966
from Springfield (Mass.) Col-
lege. Lieut. Vermeiren was com-
missioned in 1967 upon comple-
tion of Officer Training School
at Lackland AFB, Tex. Col. Ros-
well W. Ard, base commander,
makes the presentation.

Internal Revenue Service Official Questions-Answers

Q. I would like some help with
a problem. I am divorced and
am required by court order to
make child support payments. A
fellow at work told me that they
are deductible. Another fellow
claims they are not. Who is
right?

A. The second answer is cor-
rect. Child support payments are
not deductible to you, nor are
they taxable to your former wife.
However, if you provide more
than one-half of the child's sup-
port, then you may claim the
\$600 exemption of your return.

Q. I worked for three employ-
ers in 1968 earning a total of
\$9,200. I understand that I am
entitled to a special credit for
social security tax paid. How is
it computed?

A. If more than \$343.20 of so-
cial tax was withheld in 1968 be-
cause you worked for two or
more employers, the excess is al-
lowed as a credit against your
income tax liability. Enter the
excess on line 18 of form 1040.

Q. I have a question regarding
income tax. In 1968, I sold some
rental property at a large profit.
The buyer is paying me over a
10-year period. Do I report the
whole profit on my 1968 tax
form?

A. If certain conditions are met
the gain on the sale may be re-
ported on the installment method.
Under this method, the gross pro-
fit is reported over the 10-year
period in which payments are re-
ceived. To qualify, you cannot re-
ceive more than 30% of the sell-
ing price in the year of sale.

Further information can be ob-
tained by referring to Publication
537, "Installment and Deferred-
Payment Sales" available free at
any of our IRS offices.

Q. I am a widow with two chil-
dren and pay someone to care for

them while I work. My neighbor
who is also a widow claims that
these payments are deductible. Is
this correct?

A. Yes, you may deduct up to
\$900 of child care expenses, where
the expense was incurred for two
or more children under the age of
13, in order for you to work or
seek employment. Where there is
only one child, the maximum de-
duction is \$600.

Q. I have misplaced the W-2
form I received from my summer
job. Should I file without it? I
need my refund.

A. Contact your former em-
ployer and ask him for a dupli-
cate copy of your W-2 statement.
Filing your return without the
necessary W-2 statement will
cause a considerable delay in the
processing of your return, as the
Service Center will have to write
you requesting that you send it
to them.

Q. My tax is almost complete,
but I am confused on one item.
Maybe you can clarify it? How
are medical insurance premiums
handled as a deduction?

A. One-half of the premiums
paid for medical insurance up to
a maximum of \$150 may be de-
ducted when you itemize your de-
ductions. These premiums are not
subject to the 3% limitation that
applies to other medical expen-
ses. The balance of the premiums
should be added to any other med-
ical deduction.

Q. Can you please answer a
question which came up during a
discussion at the office this morn-
ing. On December 30, 1968 I mailed
a check in payment of a con-
tribution to a charitable organi-
zation. The check was not pro-
cessed until January 1969. When
can I deduct the amount paid?

A. Since payment was made
before the close of the taxable

year, the amount is deductible
when computing your 1968 tax
liability.

Q. We purchased a new stove
and refrigerator last year. Can
the sales tax paid on these items
be added to the amount listed on
the sales tax table?

A. No, only the sales tax paid
on the purchase of a car may be
added to an amount listed on the
sales tax table. However, if you
are able to establish that you
paid an amount larger than that
shown, you may deduct the larger
amount.



Flowers Bloom In The Home

At one time, ladies would al-
ways have fresh flowers in vases
around their homes, but with the
rising costs of just about every-
thing, creative women started to
look for greener—if not fresher
—pastures.

The fake flower boom is now
in bloom—not those vinyl ones
that always look exactly like the
real thing—but the frankly fake
that don't simulate reality, but
somehow almost improve it.
Paper flowers from South Amer-
ica and Mexico in running riots
of bright colors have turned up
in even the best-dressed homes.
They're gathered in white iron-
stone soup tureens as table cen-
terpieces, in Vermont type jugs
as eye-catching doorstops, or
they're suspended in natural
straw baskets.

Many homemakers have de-
veloped a regular green thumb
in floral decorating—and manu-
facturers are only too happy to
oblige milady's passion for flow-
ers. Sheets and pillowcases are
daisy-ed, poppy-ied, rose-d and
tulip-ed, and bathroom towel sets
are now co-ordinated with those
bedroom items. When sheets went
all flowery, bedspreads weren't
far behind. And then, of course,
where the spreads went, the
draperies quickly followed.

The big flower revival is really
an extension of today's marvel-
ous preoccupation with color—
most evident in the bedroom-
bathroom-boudoir circuit. Not
even the smallest accessories are
exempt. One product, for in-
stance, has combined both the
new zing colors with the flower
pow-er. Cashmere Bouquet®
Body Powder, long a grooming
staple for millions of women, has
gone very Mod-ern in its new
packaging. Both the shaker con-
tainer and the dusting powder
come in bright new decorator
colors patterned after flowers in
these striking shades: Fern
Green, Cyclamen Pink, Snap-
dragon Yellow, and Foxglove
Blue—and, to follow the floral
fancy, a large daisy-like bloom
is embossed on the container.

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Committee chairmen for the Agawam Junior Women's Club dessert-bridge and fashion show to be presented at the Agawam Junior High School on Tuesday, Feb. 25th met recently at the home of Mrs. George Stevens to complete plans for the event. Shown in the picture from left

to right are Mrs. George Stevens, chairman; Mrs. Richard G. Atkinson, decorations; Mrs. John A. Jury, Jr., prizes and Mrs. Charles T. Marquis, publicity. Tickets may be purchased from Mrs. James W. McNamee and will also be sold at the door. The public is invited to attend.

Jr. Women's Club Meeting Tuesday

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 18th at The Captain Charles Leonard House at 8 p.m. Mrs. Herbert M. Carpenter, president, will conduct the business meeting.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Rev. Benjamin Lockhart of the Agawam Baptist Church who will speak on his trip to Hawaii.

A sale of used clothing contributed by club members will be held to raise funds for the children of Biafra.

Hostess for the evening will be Mrs. Alfred P. Berard.



COLLEGE NEWS

VERONESI ATHLETE OF WEEK HONOR

ITHACA — A scoring total of 62 points in two games has earned Ithaca College freshman basketball standout, Paul Veronesi of Agawam, the School's Athlete of the Week Honors.

Veronesi poured in 32 as Ithaca defeated Mansfield State, 104-96, and then repeated with 30 as I.C. upset the highly favored Syracuse University Freshman team, 89-78, Saturday night.

Veronesi, a guard, has actually run off a string of four games in which he has scored 30 points or more and now has a 21.0 scoring average for the Ithacans who have won seven straight and have a 10-2 record.

A Business Administration major, Veronesi is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Veronesi of 20 Central St., Agawam, and is a '68 graduate of Agawam High School.

David E. Carpenter, a junior at Boston University, recently attended the Eastern Division Convention of the Music Educators National Conference in Washington, D. C. He was appointed a student representative from BU to attend the conference which was held at the Washington Hilton Hotel. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carpenter of Florida Drive.

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Senior Center Activities

THIS WEEK

Thursday afternoon at 1:30 Knitting class.

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. two film programs will be shown.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 ceramic classes at no charge. The Center has purchased a kiln. Mrs. Emeline Comeau is the instructor.

Buczko for Governor Campaign Movement

SALEM, Mass. — The grass roots campaign for "Buczko for Governor—1970," launched here last November, is moving along full tilt, reports Peter M. McSwiggin, who organized the movement. The organizational aspects of the campaign were discussed at a recent meeting of interested citizens. Officers for the newly formed "Citizens for Buczko" Committee were named. Peter M. McSwiggin, 30 Japonica St., Salem, President; James Shaffaval, 5 Bradford St., Salem, Vice President; James D. Haggerty, 53 Dunlap St., Salem, Treasurer; and Donald Burnham, 39 Dunlap St., Salem, Secretary.

McSwiggin and members of the committee report numerous communications from all parts of the Commonwealth in support of Ted Buczko for Governor. Among them, letters from Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Rep. David Harrison, the new State Democratic Chairman, both noncommittal, stating the movement was an excellent idea. McSwiggin reports he can't keep up with the orders for campaign material. Supporters are requesting bump-

er stickers by the dozens and cards and letters have been sent to private citizens across the state. "Things are looking good," says McSwiggin, "I hope we, the voters, can convince the professional politicians that the people want Ted Buczko for Governor." McSwiggin expects to move Ted Buczko into a top contender spot for the Governor's Chair by early 1970. "We urge Buczko supporters throughout the Commonwealth to form committees of their own or even join ours in this effort. We will be happy to assist anyone and would like the names of all interested," stated McSwiggin. Eventual consolidation of all committees is planned at a later date, to establish an effective statewide surge.

As for State Auditor Buczko, the key figure in the effort, he is not a candidate for Governor at this time. His prime concern is to continue his present work on the state's financial books, but is keeping an eye on the grass roots movement.

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(Even with a gallon left, you should go approximately 27 miles in a VW.)

Let's say you notice on your way out of the driveway that every other car on your block is stuck in the snow.

(A VW goes very well in snow because the engine is in the back. It gives the rear wheels much better traction.)

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(A VW is small enough to fit into half a parking space.)

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Senior High . . .

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Ramah, Joann Raynor, Michael Rheault, Edward Rivers, Ann Ryan, Jeanne Scherpa, Peter Shibley, Diane Simmons, Scott Skolnick, Deborah Snyder, Mitchell Soffen, Pauline Sosnowich, Michael Spinelli, Lori Stefanik, Barbara Swiderski, Larry Tiffany, Shelley Titcomb, David Tourville, Antonia Veronesi, Kathleen Viens, Karla Vining, Caron Wiggins, Candace Williams, Pamela Wing, June Wood, Laura Wylie, Donald Young and Lee Zanotti.

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The motorist brought his car in for its 1,500-mile inspection. "Is there anything the matter with it?" the service manager asked.

"Well, there's only one part of it that doesn't make a noise," the customer replied, "and that's the horn."

SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

The Victor Emmanuel Club, High St., Agawam, resounded again Saturday night with an uproar, that would make outsiders visualize total devastation and chaos had taken place in the club. Actually it was Joe DePalma (Snuffy Smith with cards up his sleeve and aces on the floor) counting game with Charlie Poggie in a heated pitch battle, with Richie Cebrelli and "Ninny" Trinella at another table belaboring each other as Bridge partners. I bet the roof lifted a few times during the night.

Frank Barbieri and Silvo DeGeorge donated a good bag of cottontail rabbits and Joe DePalma volunteered to handle the culinary end of the deal. The meal was scrumptious and 20 hardy outdoorsmen enjoyed themselves...the card game afterwards...WOW!! It was a lot of fun and I am looking forward to another evening with the "boys."

Received a letter from George Gill recently, who moved up to Conway, New Hampshire, to enjoy his retirement. He writes that he and his wife are enjoying the winter very much, noting that there was 40 inches of snow on the ground (this was before the 16 inch storm we just had). The ice-fishing is terrific and skiing excellent. George and his wife don't ski, but are having a ball snowmobiling. The slopes are running over with the machines every week-end. Now I figure that George has the right idea about retiring...plenty of fresh air...fishing and hunting and in George's situation, snowmobiling. Winchester has finally come out

with it's first left-handed automatic shotgun. It is a version of the popular Model 1400 Mark II.

The new shotgun, which is offered in 12 gauge field grade model with and without ventilated ribs, and in 12 gauge skeet trap models, should find ready acceptance with the country's several million left-handed shooters, who, until now have had to bear with the disconcerting sensation of spent shells ejecting past their faces every time they swung on live birds or clay targets. The left-handed Model 1400 eliminates the problem by safely ejecting spent shells from the left side of the receiver.

ANNUAL GAME FEAST

Friday, the 7th, one-hundred of "who's who" in the hunting and fishing field in Western Mass., gathered at the Salem-Croft Inn, Ware, Mass. to dine on venison, caribou, moose, dall sheep and black bear. The Salem Brothers, Dick and Henry, acted as hosts and outdid themselves in making the affair outstanding. The night, from the hors d'oeuvres to the speeches after dinner, was very impressive.

Berchulski, Daily News Outdoor Writer, started the affair a few years ago with a hand full of hunters and fishermen. The invitational list has grown to over 100 and many more are clamoring to make it. Noel Brown and I traveled together and didn't get home to the wee hours of the morning. It is comical, at the annual fish fry, the main topic of conversation is hunting, and at the game meal the conversation revolves around fishing. Many of the anglers have their annual trips finalized and are waiting for May and June to arrive.

The Gun Digest Association has come out with another fabulous book. Frank de Haas is the author and his knowledge based on his long and extensive experience as a collector and gunsmith makes this book, "Single Shot Rifles and Actions," a veritable encyclopedia of single shot rifles and actions.

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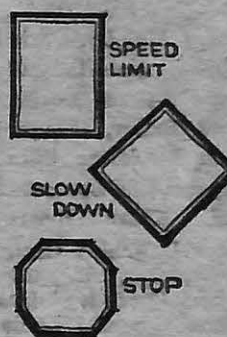
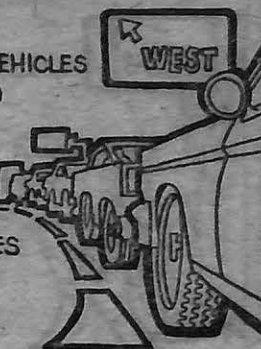
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Since portability is the basic requirement, confine your search to boats weighing under 120 pounds. You'll be doing plenty of lifting and carrying, so the lighter the better. Aluminum construction seems to be the best all-around choice, but strip-canvas designs that will accommodate an outboard and certain fiberglass hulls are suitable.

Canoes, the original backcountry craft, are natural cartoppers. Easy to handle, they're ideal for fishing rivers or small lakes. Aluminum canoes are especially light, won't soak up additional pounds and take a beating. Choose a square stern model, hitch on a small outboard, and you seldom have to pick up a paddle.

Small skiffs are handy, too, and they offer more freedom of movement by occupants. The flat-bottom, square-end John boats are the best fishing platforms in calm waters. However, they can be tough to maneuver when a strong wind starts kicking up whitecaps.

Select your fishing rig with an eye toward the type of waters you'll be fishing most often and keep it light, advise the Mercury lads, then start looking for those lonely spots bypassed by the less adventurous. You'll discover a lot of action that's reserved exclusively for cartoppers.

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Snowmobile Safety Requirement Rules

With the great interest generated in Agawam within the last few years by the arrival on our scene of the Snowmobile as part of winter recreation, Safety Officer Harold J. Burnett today issued the following reminder on the status of snowmobiles in Massachusetts:

1. They may not be registered in the Commonwealth.
2. They must not be operated on public ways, whether paved or otherwise.
3. They may not cross public ways. This would constitute illegal operation of a motor vehicle.
4. They may be transported in a trailer to another state.
5. They may be operated on private property.

Although defined as motor vehicles under Mass. statute, the so-called snowmobiles may not be registered in Mass. because they do not meet the equipment standards as set forth for motor vehicles in Chapter 90 relating to requirements for registration.

HOWDY NEIGHBOR

By BOYD PIERCE

Think this over:
To laugh is to be free from worry for he who doesn't worry lives a long time. Those who live a long time, last. Therefore, he who laughs, lasts.

Come to think of it, the television could be termed the family "watching machine."

No man is so wise he knows everything; nor is any man so stupid he knows nothing.

In regard to the current trend for long hair for males, you certainly can't stop it, but you can cut it.

There are some mornings when even instant coffee isn't fast enough.

The road to success is full of women pushing their husbands along.

The old woman in the shoe of nursery book fame could draw a sizeable relief check if she was living today.

There is just no justice! If you talk about others you're a gossip and if you talk about yourself, you're a bore.

"Americans are an odd breed," according to one foreign exchange student. "They own chairs that vibrate and automobiles that don't."

Someone has aptly designated stomachs as "waist baskets."

When father and son go out together today, it's the son who wears the beard.

The love bug often turns out to be a "louse."

We hear they can even install a bathtub telephone now. Oh, well, what's one more ring around the bathtub!

The person who can swallow a pill at a drinking fountain deserves to get well.

Appearances are mighty deceiving because a dollar looks about the same as it did 10 years ago.

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The seventh annual Springfield Camping and Outdoor Show will be held Friday through Sunday, March 7, 8 and 9, at the Better Living Center, Eastern States Exposition Grounds, West Springfield.

More than 75,000 campers and would-be campers are expected to view the latest camping equipment, plus camp grounds exhibits and State representatives throughout the northeast.

The Springfield Camping and outdoor Show, produced by Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 is considered the largest of its type, devoted exclusively to family camping.

Purpose of the show is to give campers the opportunity to see a wide selection of the latest camping equipment and to attract newcomers to the ranks of family campers.

Serving as cochairman of the three-day event will be John and Carla Fitzgerald, Springfield, other committee members include Gene and Eva Carestia, North Wilbraham; Allan and Doris Gauthier, Holyoke; Eugene and Beverly Kenyon, Westfield; Herve and Anna LaJeunesse, Chicopee Falls; Bill and Joan Mann, Springfield; Howard and Claire Merchant, Agawam and Alfred and Frances Serra, Agawam.

Feb. 1, 1862 — "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" published anonymously in the Atlantic Monthly.

Loyal Order of Moose

AGAWAM LODGE

No. 1935



Attending the pre-dedication dinner and dance on Sat., Feb. 1, of the Greenfield Lodge #997 from Agawam Lodge were Treasurer Ernest and Mrs. Dumond, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur LaBelle and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. The next day, Sunday, they attended the dedication of the new lodge and stayed to enjoy the smorgasbord and dancing.

The William Mitchells have arrived in Florida and are getting settled in their new home state. They informed us that it's a beautiful 80° there! After the snow on Sunday they may soon have lots of company.

While speaking to a "Moose Member" who was obviously enjoying himself last Saturday, I asked him, "Why do you enjoy being a Moose? His answer was quite simple. "I just have to be ME." I don't have to be Republican or Democrat, I don't have to be a veteran, I don't have to be any specific nationality, I don't have to be young or old, fat or thin, I don't have to be anything just ME." My answer was, "but you have to be a good guy AND YOU ARE A MOOSE SO THAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL."

The Mooses' first annual Golden Ball held Feb. 8, was a tremendous success. Many Moose members, their wives and guests attended the ball but "THE STORY OF THE GOLDEN BALL" was the main attraction. There was once a little valley, the people of which had been depressed for years. They suffered poor crops, sickness, famine, misfortune and unhappiness, even hope itself was dead in the hearts of the people. Suddenly, one day, there appeared to some people and children at play, a fairy who told them that upon a given afternoon, for those who wished to assemble on a chosen field, a great GOLDEN BALL, hung by a silver cord, would descend from the heavens, and all who touched this Golden Ball would forever after enjoy health, happiness and plenty.

As may be imagined, the entire valley — even the lame and the sick, assembled at the chosen place. Some doubted the story, but sure enough, the beautiful golden sphere descended from the sky. To those on the outskirts of the great assemblage, it appeared to come so low that anyone could touch it but it proved allusive, even to those that were close. The tallest among them could not reach it and they struggled, jumped and crowded all afternoon. When it was nearly twilight and many were exhausted, an old seer suggested, "Why not TAKE a CHILD, and by forming a human pyramid, lift him on their shoulders as high as possible. Perhaps the child could touch it and at least one of them would have this coveted happiness and good cheer as long as he lived."

"No sooner said than done. All grasped the meaning as all joined in the pyramid. The child was raised into the heavens, and as the tiny fingers touched the golden ball, a current as if GOD — given passed through the child and went through those who held him and ON OUT THROUGH THE GREAT MULTITUDE, even unto those who sympathized but did not understand. In this UNSELFISH effort to help just ONE child, the fairy's promised happiness and plenty descended upon all the people, and the place was known forever after as "The Peaceful Valley. The meaning of this TALE is clear. In an unselfish effort to bring happiness to a child, happiness came to the entire valley. MOOSEHEART IS OUR PEACEFUL VALLEY. THIS IS THE GOD-given work of the Moose. We are enabling our children at Mooseheart to touch the Golden Ball for happiness it will bring them, and by so doing we are storing up happiness for ourselves upon this Earth.

Narrator was Gov. Wilfred H.

Bissonnette, forming the pyramid and acting were: Frank Smith, Ernest Dumond Jr., Arthur LaBelle, Samuel Smith, Frank Bray, and Michael Fydenkevez and the child, David Dumond. A collection was made in miniature cribs by Frank Smith, Ernest Dumond, Jr., and Frank Bray for Mooseheart. Everyone was generous in helping to support our little folks.

Sitted at the head table were: Charles E. Cook, State Director for Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Gov. and Mrs. Bissonnette; Master of Ceremonies Sid and Mrs. Way; Entertainment Chairman Ernest and Mrs. Dumond, Sr.; and co-chairman of the ball Alexander and Mrs. Baker.

The Gov. led everyone in prayer promptly at nine. After a few words from the guest of Honor, Charles E. Cook, Gov. Bissonnette presented a beautiful "Total Energy" ring to Ted Waterman for sponsoring twelve (12) applications for membership. As he continues to carry on this work the ring will be studded with (a girl's best friend) diamonds!!! Keep it up, Ted.

Dancing continued until midnight with music from the Mar-J Trio. Many thanks go to all who helped in anyway (on Thursday 7 men washed and waxed the floor and on Friday, pitched in to decorate) but special thanks to Chairman Ernest Dumond, Sr. and co-chairman Bud Baker. There were three generations of Dumonds participating in this, our "First Golden Ball."

Greenfield #997 will be host to Mohawk Legion #198 on Sunday, Feb. 16. Regular Ceremonial and Class Enrollment. More information on MOOSE Bulletin board at Lodge Home. See you next issue? M. F.

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Time Out For Beauty

By Dorothy Gray

All That Glitters

Whether it's the glitter of her wedding ring or the shine of her hair, nothing becomes a woman more than the color gold. Ever since early England, when Queen Elizabeth the I discovered the power of gold — and ordered a gold crown, sceptre, orb



and gold metal-beaten into ornaments for her robes, gold has been highly prized.

When gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill, men rushed out to get their share to bring back to the women — who else? Golden color has always been synonymous with feminine beauty. In early Greece, women dyed their hair blonde to be in fashion. And, if you think about it, most of the famous fictional characters have been golden girls — like Goldilocks.

Today, the blonde and golden mystique shines on undimmed. I like the gold chains, belts, hoop earrings and gold rings on every finger that women are wearing now. But, I don't think it should stop there. To have a totally coordinated look, I think the new luminous cosmetics that put the golden glint in a woman's eye, on her lips and her face are marvelous.

I especially like the new gold-flecked cosmetics available in Dorothy Gray's Goldspun Collection. The gilt-edged look starts with a golden-toned luminous foundation that's pure 24-carat. Eyes have it, too, in shadows that glow. And lips come in for their share of the loot, with Goldspun golden lipsticks.

My advice is to glow on — and get in on the gold rush. Cosmetically speaking, it's every woman's year to shine.

The Old Timer



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At Your Service

EUGENE H. LUND

Director of Veterans Services



A reminder that war widows are eligible for G.I. Bill-type education and home loan benefits was issued today by the Veterans Administration.

The education benefits are also available to wives of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled as the result of military service.

Under a new law which went into effect Dec. 1, 1968, the widow of a man who died and the wife of a veteran who was permanently and totally disabled as the result of military service is entitled to 36 months of educational assistance from the VA.

An allowance of \$130 a month is paid for full-time training with lesser sums paid for part-time training.

Unremarried widows of veterans who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict, or in the Post-Korean period (since Jan. 31, 1955) and who died in service or as the result of service are eligible for VA-guaranteed G.I. home loans.

This eligibility expires July 25, 1970, for World War II widows, with widows of Korean Conflict veterans having until Jan. 31, 1975 to use their entitlement. Generally, widows of Post-Korean service veterans have 20 years from the date of their husband's death or discharge from service to obtain loans.

The VA will guarantee 60% — up to a maximum of \$12,500 — of the loan obtained by the widow. Long-term mortgages (up to 30 years) and little or no down payments remain the principal advantages of G.I. loans.

The VA also listed some other benefits of women:

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation: Monthly payments for widows and children of men who died in service or as the result of service.

Payment is generally \$120 a month plus 12% of the monthly basic pay now being received by a serviceman whose rank and years of service are the same as those of the deceased serviceman. Minimum payment is \$133 a month.

Death Pension: Monthly payment for needy-unremarried widows and minor children of veterans whose deaths were not related to military service. The amount of the pension is keyed to income.

Reimbursement of Burial Expenses: Payment not to exceed \$250 may be made within two years to the widow, undertaker, or any other person who bore a veteran's funeral expenses.

Children's Education: In addition to education benefits for qualified wives and widows, an allowance of \$130 a month for full-time college level training is paid to children (under 26) of veterans who died or were permanently and totally disabled as the result of military service.

The VA invites women who have questions about possible benefits to contact their nearest VA office.

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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

Clam Night, Feb. 7, gave us another cheerful night with Betty Curran and Anna Bissonnette serving the helpful customers who know that the monies made here are for a good cause. The spaghetti and sauce made by Betty, was in my opinion the most tasteful and the helpings most generous. When are you coming down for steamed clams?

"The last 16 dues are the hardest to get," said Quartermaster Bissonnette. Are YOU one of these 16? Help make it a 100% membership year. Send in your \$6.25 and ladies your \$3.00. NOW PLEASE!

SENDING CARDS?

Pat Hamilton, our cheerful bartender, living at 12 Conklin St., Springfield, Mass., is home with the flu; Past Comdr. Tet Giminanni in the hospital for throat surgery; Roland J. Ruelle of 165 Leonard St., Agawam, President of the Board of Directors, (an emergency run) at the Springfield Hospital, Chestnut St., Springfield, Room #280; James Cleary, nine times Commander of World War I, recuperating at home, Springfield St., Feeding Hills, after a stay in the hospital; Paul Ezekiel, WWI Veteran is at Heritage Hall Nursing Home on Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, (off Cooper St.); Ida Bondi of the Auxiliary at the West Springfield Nursing Home on Westfield St., West Springfield.

LITTLE BITS

REMEMBER THE MAINE: In accordance with the V.F.W. ritual: "Every post is urged to observe the anniversary of the sinking of the USS Maine in the harbor at Havana on Feb. 15, 1898, the disaster that claimed the lives of 266 Americans and formed one of the direct causes of the War with Spain. By paying homage to the memory of the heroes of '98 each post has the opportunity of focusing public attention on the patriotic deeds of those men who made up the most colorful army in the history of the world... every man a volunteer... the A.E.F. of 1898." PHILADELPHIA... "THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY," is known as the Birthplace of the United States of America. William Penn planned the city in detail and he personally chose the name Philadelphia because it meant "City of Brotherly Love." What better setting could there be for the 70th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars whose members are devoted to helping others. The Convention will run from August 15

to 22. Register in advance for representation of Post #1632. Philadelphia is a mixture of old and new and is truly a city for sight seeing. Philadelphia puts itself out to make conventioners welcome. You will discover this for yourself when the V.F.W. convenes there this August.

Chosen 1969 Buddy Poppy Girl was 11 year old Anne Louise Hendrickson of the V.F.W. National Home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan. More on Anne in next issue.

THIS WEEK'S LITTLE BIT OF PHILOSOPHY: DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU. Life will present a bill to each of us one day!! Be prepared to pay and hope that you will not need to pay too dearly!! adb



Q. I have lost my Social Security Health Insurance Card. Do I have to fill out a new application for a duplicate card?

A. No. If you lost or misplaced your Health Insurance Card, you can obtain a duplicate card by phoning or visiting your local Social Security offices. The duplicate card will be reissued by the Baltimore Social Security office. Once you have filed for Medicare your records are on file and a new application is not needed.

Q. I was in the service 2 years before I was wounded in Viet-

nam. I am now 22 but haven't been able to go to work. Since I haven't worked on the outside, do I have any benefits coming from Social Security?

A. Active duty in the Military Service is covered under Social Security since 1957. Persons disabled before age 24 require only 1½ years of Social Security credit. Contact your Social Security office.

Q. My husband died 12 years ago, leaving 2 minor children. I was receiving benefits for them until they were 18 years of age. I am now disabled. Could I qualify for disabled widow's benefits?

A. Yes. The change in the law states that if a widow received benefits as a mother with children in her care, she could be eligible if she was disabled before these payments ended, or within 7 years after they ended.

Q. My wife stopped work at age 26 when we married. Three years later, she was crippled by an automobile accident. She applied for disability benefits under social security but was turned down because she only had 19 quarters of coverage. Does the recent change in the law affect her status?

A. Whereas 20 quarters of coverage (i.e., five years of work) used to be required in all disability cases, the new law reduces this requirement for persons who were disabled before age 31. Such persons need to have worked only one-half of the time between age 21 and the date when the disability began. Your wife should reapply right away.

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